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May 22, 2007

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON LAND USE AND FINANCE
MEETING IN JOINT SESSION

The Committees on Land Use and Finance met in Joint Session on May 22, 2007, with Vice Chairman Bruce Desmond and Alderman Thomas Taylor presiding and Committee Members Aldermen Dennis Sullivan and Walter Pero also present and voting. Also present were Solicitor John Gannon, SPCD Director Monica Lamboy and Steve Winslow from SPCD. President Trane appointed Alderman William Roche to the Land Use Committee for this meeting, to attain a quorum. Aldermen O'Donovan and Heuston were recused.

Mr. Winslow told the members that the land in question is a 1 ½ acre parcel owned by Somerville Hospital and presently used for parking. A memorandum of Understanding was developed last year for the disposition of this parcel. The estimated cost to clean the site and to build a park is \$660,000. To date, the city has received \$280,000 in grant funding and there is another \$280,000 on the way. If additional funding is needed, CDBG funds could be tapped to complete the project. The plan is to get park constructed by June of 2008. Mr. Winslow noted that construction of another segment of the community path would be part of this project.

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following item:

183168: Communication from Mayor - Requesting authorization to complete the acquisition of land owned by Somerville Hospital at 112 Central St., dedicate a portion as Article 97 Open Space, and accept \$8,000 from Ground Works Somerville for the project.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 5 - 0 in favor

Alderman Thomas F. Taylor, Presiding Member
Committee on Land Use

Alderman Bruce M. Desmond, Vice Chairman
Committee on Finance

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